

# Year 9 Curriculum Overview Plan: Dance

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Skills and technique	Dance styles	Choreography
KeyTheme:	Key Theme:	Key Theme:
Exploration Question: How can you be the ultimate dancer?	Exploration Question: What's happening in the professional dance world?	Exploration Question: Can you show us what you're
The dancer in training		made of?
Prior Learning:	Dance styles - Jazz street dance and contemporary  Prior Learning  Dance technique is the basis of all fundamentals of dance, from holding your body correctly while performing, to executing skills properly in a routine. Strong technique extends across all areas of dance, regardless of the style of your routine	Characaranh
Year 7 and 8 of the learning journey formed the basis of Action space and		Choreography
dynamics. It also covered choreographic devices and how we tell a story through dance		Prior Learning  Apply new found knowledge and skills
ACTIONS – WHAT a dancer does eg travelling, turning, elevation, gesture, stillness, use of body parts, floor-work		developed in KS3 to work in a production or performance role.
and the transference of weight. <b>DYNAMICS</b> – HOW the dancer moves eg fast/slow, sudden/sustained,	Current learning	Current learning Key Concepts,



acceleration/deceleration, strong/light, direct/indirect, flowing/abrupt. **SPACE** – WHERE the dancer moves eg pathways, levels, directions, size of movements, patterns, spatial design.

**RELATIONSHIPS** – WAY in which dancers move with other dancers eg lead and follow, mirroring, action and reaction, accumulation, complement and contrast, counterpoint, contact, formations.

## **Current learning**

**Key Concepts,** 

**Knowledge & Skills to be Embedded:** 

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# **Key Concepts,**

# **Knowledge & Skills to be Embedded:**

Dance workshops in the different styles of dance to develop physical and technical skills of a dancer.

The dancer in training allows students to explore Roles and responsibilities and the health and fitness of a dancer.

#### Jazz Dance

Jazz dance is a social dance style that emerged at the turn of the 20th century when African American dancers began blending traditional African steps with European styles of movement

# **Contemporary**

Contemporary dance is a style of interpretive dance that embraces innovation, blending techniques from

# **Knowledge & Skills to be Embedded:**

Preparation for Live show case of previous or new material to be performed in the Move it dance showcase.

Work in a role within a production Company, to . Plan roles; Research; Performers: Learn & rehearse material for Move it Dance showcase; Designers: Design costumes, set, props, lighting and sound.

Performers and Designers collaborate

and adapt decisions to enable all components of the performance to come together in a final rehearsal & performance or design presentation. Review a Performance.

#### Review

Dance performance review is a kind of written critique that is aimed at evaluating the techniques, atmosphere, and aesthetics of concert dance



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## **Expressive skills**

Projection. Focus. Spatial awareness.
Facial expression Phrasing Musicality
Sensitivity to other dancers
Communication of choreographic intent

<u>Physical skills</u> Posture Alignment Balance Coordination Control Flexibility Mobility Strength Stamina

Extension

#### **Safe Practice**

Prep for performance: Warming up Cooling down Nutrition Hydration

During performance: Safe execution

various genres, including classical ballet, jazz, modern dance, and lyrical dance

#### Street

Street jazz is a mix of fast, intricate footwork, graceful spins and acrobatic floor moves. This genre of dance works on dancer's creativity, their understanding of the music and their energy, fusing traditional jazz with hip hop.

# **Future learning**

Exploring the professional dance work Students will learn a set sequence inspired by the work and will then add their own choreography.

This will lead into component 1 of the Btec Tech award if chosen at option stages.

#### Collaboration

Working with someone else on a particular project

# **Future learning**

Performance opportunity to celebrate successes in the studio. This level of collaboration will be necessary for completion of the learning journey - component 3

### **Key Assessment Pieces:**

Performers: Final Video of the class
Performance and performed in front of a
live audience in Move it Dance showcase.

Designers: Final Presentation of ideas for the performance.

Review of another group performance.



Appropriate dancewear: footwear	The practical element will also lead into	Tier 3 Vocabulary Vault:
hairstyle clothing	component 2 and 3	Review.
absence of jewellery		Collaboration.
Future learning	Next topic is a continuation of this to build further knowledge	Subject specific terminology linked to the components of a performance.
These skills will be the focus of the next topics on the learning journey when developing styles.  Basic dance technique will give the students a grounding to be explored further  Key Assessment Pieces:	Key Assessment Pieces: Filmed key assessment of final performance piece, assessment of movement memory, Creating own choreography communication of intent and storytelling.	Motif: A short phrase of movement that reflects a stimulus. Choreographic intention: What the choreographer would like the audience to learn about the dance.  Choreographic approach: How the choreographer created movement material eg improvisation, collaboration, choreographic tasks.
Key assessment is a	Tier 3 Vocabulary Vault:	
Filmed final		
assessment of chosen dance technique class	Extension – The lengthening of limbs	Reading Exposure:
Class	Coordination – using more than 1 body part	Own Research into the chosen variety
Audit 1	Isolation – using 1 body part only	



	Stamina – The ability to keep energy	Strategies to enable new concepts,
Tier 3 Vocabulary Vault:	Dynamics – How the dancer movers	knowledge & skills to embed in long-term memory:
Technique	Formation – The positing of dancers	Group discussion/meetings; rehearsals;
extension	Accuracy of action– performing the actions	research; planning; final review.
Control	correctly	Performance opportunities in class for peer
Stamina	Movement memory – remembering the	and self assessment.
	actions in the correct order	Rehearsal and mental skill development
posture	Alignment – placement of the body	Paragraph to de
strength	Futuration langthoning of the muscles or	Research tasks
coordination	Extension – lengthening of the muscles or limbs	Do it now recall and retrieval
	Strength– muscular power	Questioning
Reading Exposure:		Mini white boards
Research into the origin of chosen	Reading Exposure:	
dance style	Research into the origin of dance style	
	Strategies to enable new concepts,	
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knowledge & skills to embed in long- term memory	memory:	



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Questioning	Questioning	
Mini white boards	Mini white boards	